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Writer Roasts Washington.

Disregarding American heroes seems to be the chief joy now of our news foreign but many American writers, one of the latest illustrations of this is seen in the statement of H. G. Wells that George Washington was indolent.

New news broke at the record a few days ago, although of a funny kind that could have maintained him in the highest of the state of a surveyor, an occupation that is a quiet outdoor life and no amount of exertion, since it is called for travel on foot through a wilderness. He surveyed the land in the states in his neighborhood and some large areas of land in the Potomac—in a region unimpaired by which Washington trained himself for the very service—was exactly the type of an indolent man. He had expeditions against the Indians and he came of his personal activity, was the means of saving part of the troops which Braddock had so unskillfully led in the expedition against the French and Indians of the Monongahela. He spent three years defending the frontier against the French and Indians. In his later years Washington took personal charge of the management of his plantations, not particularly a large man's job.

Thus we see that Washington was not physically indolent. When we consider his mental activities, we reach a similar conclusion. He became a member of the House of Burgesses of Virginia and planned and wrote the Declaration of Independence and other measures that shaped the policy of independence in British oppression. He was a member of the First Continental Congress, was a leader in the movement for American independence, he has personal influence kept his spirit together when his men were without pay or sufficient food, he clothes, suppressed a secret effort to overthrow the Continental Government, was chosen a delegate to the Constitutional Convention and was unanimously chosen its president. His personal activity often brought harmony in the convention and his voice and pen were a large influence in securing the ratification of the Constitution. He served as President of the new United States during the most difficult period of its history when he was confronted by the task of creating harmony at home and preserving peace in our foreign relations.

These are only a few well known facts in his career as a leader of public thought and action—a leadership that could not possibly have been conducted by a man mentally indolent.

It might be sufficient reply to Wells to remark that if Washington was a lazy man, England would have been fortunate to have in her military and civil affairs men who were afflicted with the same sort of indolence.

What Harding Said.

Mr. Harding spoke with fine, earnest thankfulness of heart and clear understanding of mind when he said farewell to the delegates to the conference on the limitation of armaments. He rejoiced, as does all the world, in the achievements of the gathering. He knew what those successes mean to humanity today, and what they can be made to bring to the race in the future.

Disregarding what he actually said almost any sort of sentiment can be imagined to have been in his thoughts, says an exchange. No doubt many impassioned theorists many fervent believers in the desirability of putting things always in the wrong light, will set about interpreting the President's mind according to their own way of thinking. Instead of letting his words speak his conclusions and his hopes.

The American President did not "declare for an association of nations." Neither did he "invite the world to join a new League of Nations." He failed to say anything indicative of a desire on his part to be bound with other powers of the earth in an undertaking to settle every matter relating to any nation's life or interests. What he really said as to this matter was:

Those of us who live another decade are more likely to witness a growth of public opinion, strengthened by the new experience, which will make nations more concerned with living to the fulfillment of God's high intent than with agencies of war-

fare and destruction. Since this conference of nations has pointed with unanimity to the way of peace today, like conferences in the future, under appropriate conditions and with aims, both well conceived and definite may illumine the highways and byways of human activity. The torches of understanding have been lighted on they ought to glow and encircle the globe.

Mr. Harding spoke happily of what a specially called conference, facing special needs, had been able to accomplish. The achievement, he went on, would encourage like efforts on occasions in the future to settle amicably such unusual problems as the ordinary diplomacy of routine international relations might not hope to successfully consider. The conference on the limitation of armaments owed its success largely to its being assembled by special call for a special purpose. The hope of further accomplishment of this important character must rest on their being similarly undertaken.

Public opinion, which is the chief hope for international concord, based on righteousness, can be focused on special conferences called for definite purposes. It cannot from the very nature of things, be kept on regular meetings of permanent organizations, local, state, national or international. Permanent organizations are too likely to fall into the hands of professional manipulators, putting over jokers not detected until their baneful and often irreparable effects are seen.

There can be a corrective vigilance of special conferences.

Faith and Foresight.

The mining industry in its developed enterprises and in its successful men possesses many monuments to faith and foresight.

These enterprises have sprung into being and these men into success because surface conditions did not prevent discernment of what lay beneath and because of a firmness of conviction that vaulted handicaps in days gone by, says Congress Mining Journal.

It will not be many years before the resources which have been developed by the faith and foresight that already has been exercised will be depleted.

The following statement by the director of the geological survey is proof:

"In the last fifteen years we have mined and smelted more lead than in nearly two centuries before; in the last thirteen years we have mined more coal and in the last eleven years more iron than in the whole of the century and more before; in the last nine years, more copper than in the sixty-seven years before, and in the same nine years, more zinc than in the fifty-four years since zinc mining began in the United States.

"Most thought-provoking, however, is the fact that our country has produced more petroleum since the outbreak of the World War than in all the years before 1914."

With these facts coming from such high authority, no person or group of persons connected with either the legislative or executive branches of the government can risk a future plight for the nation by committing any action that may in the future place a handicap upon the development of substitutes for the natural resources we now are consuming and depleting at such rapid rates.

If a federal blue-sky law is to be enacted, let those who mould it and pass it through the legislative mill be certain before they act that the measure will in no way handicap those who are possessed of faith and foresight in their efforts to develop in the present those of our resources upon which the nation will be dependent in the future.

Mudstingling.

Senator Spencer, of Missouri, has taken occasion to rise in his place and rebuke his colleague, Senator Reed, for his attack upon Senator Newberry. He says that to have unseated the Michigan man in the face of the evidence "would have been a brutal injustice so revolting as to shock the conscience even to contemplate it." He adds that "vindication is not evidence and vituperation cannot be substituted for facts in the senate of the United States." It was clearly proved that there was no corrupt use made of the immense Newberry campaign fund, but a little

thing like that is not likely to halt the mudstinglers.

The incident calls attention to the fact that there are men in the senate who seem to live and thrive and have their being in calling hard names. A celebrated Englishman was once asked why he was constantly saying scandalous things about his contemporaries and his reply was that he had a weak voice and that if he did not say nasty things no one would pay any attention to him. This seems to be the case with some of the public men in Washington, who are always appealing to "high heaven" and who are constantly impugning the integrity of those with whom they fail to agree. Whether it is a treaty or a disputed seat or some petty bit of legislation, they are always raising their voices in the mistaken belief that shrillness means more than sense.

The Newberry campaign cost more than it should and the chief reason was that Henry Ford had the support of the entire Wilson administration and that Newberry was fighting one of the cleverest advertising campaigns in the world. Money was spent like water and the result was the election of a patriot and the defeat of a pacifist. The attempt to make it appear otherwise will not hold water.

How It Started

MAGAZINES.


THE first real periodical magazine appeared in France in 1655, the Journal des Savants, a magazine of criticism. Its first number was dated January 5. At a later date fiction and verse began to appear, till the monthly or weekly was as firmly established as the daily newspaper, and many of them sprang up. The first magazine in America was called the American Magazine. It was published in Philadelphia. John W. Wells, its founder, brought out the first edition February 13, 1741.

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HOW DO YOU SAY IT?

By C. N. LURIE

Common Errors in English and How to Avoid Them

EACH OTHER, ONE ANOTHER; EITHER, ANY, NEITHER, NONE.

PROPERLY, the term "each other" is to be used of only one pair of persons or things which stand in relation, and the term "one another" only of more than two such persons or things. Thus, we may say: "The two friends presented gifts to each other," but not "to one another;" "all of the nations of the earth should dwell in amity with one another," not "with each other." There are, however, authorities on grammar who hold that the two phrases may be used interchangeably; for example, Lindsey Murray says, "Two negatives in English destroy one another."

A similar distinction is made by grammarians between "either" and "any," and between "neither" and "none." "Either" and "neither" apply to two; "any" and "none" to more than two. Thus, do not say, "I have not seen either of the three men," "neither of the twelve jurors was convinced of the man's guilt."

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